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would appeal strongly to a man who was about to erect a silo, and if he could get the material he almost surely would be glad to read it.

It would probably require something in the nature of a parcel library to supply the material that would be referred to in this way. The question sheet would of course need to bear a statement as to how and where the material to answer the questions could be borrowed.

In like manner topics for discussion could be furnished with references to material in the manner that briefs for debate are now distributed. These topics might be used in programs for meetings of the local institute organizations in those states where such organizations exist. In other states the formation of farmers' clubs to promote such discussion could be advocated. Many a man might

be induced to read in preparation for a formal discussion before a club, who would never get around to do so just for his own information.

Let me say in conclusion that it would seem to me that there is here outlined a profitable opportunity for coöperation between our libraries and the farmers' institutes and short course. How the suggestions will work out in practice I am frank to confess I do not know. We hope, however, to give some of these propositions a chance to demonstrate their usefulness in our state during the coming year.

The chairman then called on the Hon. W. A. Lloyd, to tell something about the "Smith-Lever bill" which is before Congress and which is intended to assist in the work being done by the county agents.

Adjourned.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

**Officers for 1914-15**—President—E. J. Lien, State Librarian, St. Paul, Minn.; 1st Vice-President—C. Will Shaffer, State Law Librarian, Olympia, Wash.; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. M. B. Cobb, State Librarian, Atlanta, Ga.; Secretary—Miss Gertrude E. Woodard, Law Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Treasurer—Edward H. Redstone, Social Law Library, Boston, Mass.; Executive Committee: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer; O. J. Field, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.; F. O. Poole, Association of the Bar, New York City; Frederick W. Schenk, Law Library, University of Chicago; E. O. S. Scholefield, Provincial Library of British Columbia, Victoria.

**Official Organ of the Association**—Index to Legal Periodicals and Law Library Journal, published quarterly and cumulated annually. Subscription \$5 per year, including the annual cumulative number. Managing editor, Frederick W. Schenk, Law Library, University of Chicago. Busi-

ness managers, The H. W. Wilson Co., White Plains, N. Y.

The ninth annual meeting of the Association was held May 25-26, 1914, in the red parlor of the New Ebbitt House, in Washington, D. C.

At the preliminary session on the morning of May 25, the reports of officers and committees were read and problems connected with the publication of the Index to Legal Periodicals and Law Library Journal were discussed. Suggestions for the improvement and extension of the latter were made by Mr. F. D. Colson of the New York state law library, in a paper which, owing to his inability to be present, was read by Mr. Hendrickson of St. Paul, Minn. The business management of the periodical has recently been taken by the H. W. Wilson Co., of White Plains, N. Y., who publish it for the Association.

A letter from Secretary L. Stanley Jast, inviting our members to attend the an-

nual meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom to be held in Oxford in August and September, was read, and Mr. C. F. D. Belden, state librarian of Massachusetts, was appointed as delegate.

In the afternoon of the same day was held a round table on "The needs of small law libraries." The following program was arranged by Miss Claribel H. Smith of the Hampden County law library, Springfield, Mass., who presided:

#### Law Library Books.

- a. What necessary books must the small law library own?
- b. What books should it have, if funds hold out?

Mr. G. E. Wire, Worcester, Mass., and Mr. A. J. Small, Des Moines, Iowa.

#### Library of Congress Cards.

Is it expedient for the small law library to use the Library of Congress cards?

Miss G. E. Woodard, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mr. E. H. Redstone, Boston, Mass.

#### Law Librarians.

What should be their training, in business efficiency, knowledge of library science and of law?

Miss E. M. H. Fleming, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mr. E. A. Feazel, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### Law Annotations.

The importance of annotations and indexing.

Miss C. H. Smith, Springfield, Mass., and Miss N. Louise Ruckteshler, Norwich, N. Y.

#### The County Law Library from the Lawyer's Point of View.

Mr. W. H. McClintock, Springfield, Mass.

#### The County Law Library from the Bookseller's Point of View.

Mr. E. W. Hildreth, Boston, Mass.

#### Jottings, Thoughts and Suggestions.

Mrs. M. C. Klingelsmith, Philadelphia, Penn.

The two formal sessions were held in the morning and afternoon of May 26, at which times the following addresses and papers were listened to:

**The Functions and Jurisdiction of the Court of Customs Appeals**, by Hon. William L. Wemple, Assistant Attorney-general of the U. S.

**Some Auxiliaries of Statute Revision**, by Mr. Arthur F. Belitz, Assistant Revisor of Wisconsin.

**English Law Libraries** by Mr. George F. Deiser of Hirst Free Law Library of Philadelphia.

**Legal Literature of Central and South America** by Mr. Charles E. Babcock, of The Pan-American Union, Washington, D. C.

**The Monthly List of State Publications**, by Dr. H. J. Harris, Chief of the Division of Documents of the Library of Congress.

**The Promulgation of the Acts of Congress**, by Mr. Henry L. Bryan, Editor of Laws, State Department.

**Bill Drafting**, by Mr. Middleton Beaman, in charge of Legislative Drafting Research at Columbia University, New York.

All the papers, addresses, reports, discussions and proceedings will appear printed in full in the July and subsequent numbers of the Law Library Journal.

At the conclusion of the program some unfinished business was disposed of; a vote of thanks was extended to all who had contributed to make the sessions so successful and pleasurable and the meeting adjourned sine die.

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

### FIRST SESSION

The sixth annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association was called to order by the president, Mr. D. N. Handy, in the New Willard Hotel, Washington, May 27, 3 p. m.

After introductory remarks, Mr. John A.

Lapp, of the Bureau of Legislative Information, Indianapolis, was introduced. He spoke on "Methods followed and results achieved through coöperation of forty legislative reference and similar libraries."<sup>1</sup>

Owing to the absence of Mr. Eugene F. McPike, of Chicago, the paper which he

<sup>1</sup> Special Libraries, June, 1914, p. 86.